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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask what difficulties there are in placing a copy of the resolution of the district board on the table of this House, when it is a public matter?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I think the decision of the district board was published and will be available."

Filing of claims and objections to the preliminary electoral rolls of the South Kanara District Board.

* 560 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether after the publication of the preliminary electoral rolls for the District Board in South Kanara, a number of claims and objections were received by the election officer; and

(*b*) whether they were later on returned as being not in the proper form and fresh dates were fixed for sending them in?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Originally the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards fixed a programme of dates for the various stages in the preparation of electoral rolls for the district board. Claims were presented by the parties concerned and some of these claims were in the form of lists, instead of in the prescribed form. In consequence of the proposal to split five of the old circles of the district board, the programme was cancelled and a fresh programme was fixed. Only such of the claims already presented, as were not in the prescribed form and as did not furnish all the particulars necessary for filling up the form were returned to the parties concerned with instructions to prefer their claims in the proper form.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know why the election officer accepted claims which were not in the prescribed form?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It is mentioned in the answer here. The returns had to be re-presented in the prescribed form."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the claims were not presented to the election officer in the form of lists according to his own instructions?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I cannot give such details. As far as I know, they were all returned with instructions to be re-presented in the proper form."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether all claims were admitted and whether the question of the truth or otherwise of the claims was gone into?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I presume the election officer and the appellate authority did go into each case on the merits."